



MONTEREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1993



THE TOWN

Monterey's selectmen have been wrestling with an alleged zoning violation at The Point on Lake Garfield, and with the broader issue of camping on unimproved lots.

James Connery, Jr., the owner of lake shore lot #143, has been accused by a number of his neighbors of unlawfully camping on his vacant property. On July 26 abutter Evelyn Drescher, accompanied by eleven fellow lake residents, presented the Selectmen with a written his-

tory of her perception of the Connery situation. She claimed that the Connery property has hosted a mobile home and a pop-up camper during much of the summer, and an additional tent recently.

Drescher also said that "camping" has occurred for years on Connery's lot. In 1988 she and seventeen others petitioned the Town to confront the issue, but the Selectmen referred the neighbors to their own deed covenants for jurisdiction. These covenants, however, have now expired; Drescher and the others are currently basing their case on Section VIII of our Zoning Bylaws.

Section VIII is the only portion of the Monterey Bylaws that addresses the use of mobile homes and/or trailers. It allows these vehicles to be parked only as temporary living quarters while a new home is under construction, and only by permit from the Board of Appeals. The Zoning Bylaws do not address the issue of "camping" on vacant lots.

Connery's lot was ruled unbuildable under the state's Title V because of its proximity to the Aquarius Water Works. Lake resident Cindy Deloy questioned the bathroom facilities of the "camp-sites," and suggested they may be threatening the Aquarius water.

Connery's father, James Connery, Sr., called this suggestion a deliberate exaggeration in a letter to the Selectmen dated June 9, 1993. Connery, Sr. wrote that his son's motor home is

self contained, and that he allows his daughter's family the use of his own bathroom facilities when she visits in the camper. He also wrote that the tent in question was erected only once, for a three-day weekend in 1992.

In a phone conversation, Connery, Sr. said forbidding his son to park and use a mobile home on his own property would be discriminatory, noting that many people in Monterey use camping vehicles on their own property, particularly during the fall hunting season. "We're going to fight them every step of the way to allow our kids to keep coming up here," he said.

Selectmen Chair Georgiana O'Connell said she feels camping on vacant lots should not be allowed in Monterey, and that it was the intent of the Town to restrict such land use when it passed Section VIII of the Zoning Bylaws. She said camping on *built* lots (by the homeowner's children, for example) should be allowed but better controlled, perhaps with permits.

Selectman Stefan Grotz said that he will follow the guidance of Town Counsel Hugh Cowhig, noting that he believes Cowhig determined in 1989 that the Monterey's Zoning Bylaws are not specific enough to be enforceable. Grotz also pointed out a larger issue: many motor homes are parked and used in Monterey, and monitoring their use would be difficult.

The Board of Selectmen have not issued a directive on the Connery situation, but they continue to correspond with Town Counsel and the Planning Board on the matter.

Jan Aerie and Robert Emmel, representatives of Monterey's United Church of Christ, met with Police Chief Gareth Backhaus and the Selectmen concerning



In the garden at Gould Farm

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church patrons who park in the space in front of the church created as a drop-off for the handicapped

Jan Aerie explained that the church people who need this space have worked out a system whereby the last vehicle to arrive parks there to save it for pick-up use after the service. She pointed out that if the space can't be used for parking, then another space elsewhere in town will be taken. Chief Backhaus said that if a handicapped parking space is created exclusively for the church, then other Monterey facilities will demand the right to their own such spaces, and there just isn't enough room for this—especially on Sunday mornings. He suggested that the Sunday drop-off space be available to any handicapped patron of any Monterey facility.

The Selectmen made the following determinations: (1) One space in front of the church will be designated as a drop-off area for handicapped church patrons from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. every Sunday. (2) The police will keep anyone from parking in the space. (3) The police will help find appropriate parking for any handicapped person who comes into town to use any facility. (4) This arrangement is effective starting August 8. The matter will be reviewed on September 7.

On the recommendation of Chief Backhaus, the Selectmen are also considering painted-line diagonal parking spaces on the Town Offices lot, to help further relieve Sunday parking problems. Stefan Grotz said he will try to get a general sense of townspeople's opinion on the matter.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to confirm its July appointments to the Police Department: Gareth Backhaus, Chief; Rita Backhaus, Officer; Edward M. Briggs, Officer. On August 14 Walter Nourse was also appointed an Officer. He has twelve years' experience as a policeman.

The Finance Committee met with the Selectmen regarding the request of Peter Vallianos, who serves on the Board of Assessors, that elected, paid Town officials receive health insurance through the Town regardless of the number of hours they work. Understanding that the Selectmen were considering honoring this request, the Committee unanimously recommended against extending the benefits.

The Selectmen estimated that eleven people might qualify, which would cost the Town about \$50,000 a year. It was



noted that minutes of the Selectmen's June 7 meeting state that they told Vallianos they would bring the issue to a special town meeting. But the Selectmen said that they recalled no such commitment, and that if they bring the matter to any town meeting, it will only be to the annual town meeting.

— Kim Vincent Hines

BIG RIVER CLEANUP

The Housatonic Valley Association, a regional environmental group founded in 1941, with headquarters in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut and a field office in Lenoxdale, Massachusetts, is coordinating a one-day cleanup of the Housatonic River along its entire 150-mile course from Washington, Massachusetts to Long Island Sound. Thirty-five different groups will participate, including the Sheffield Land Trust, the Housatonic

River Initiative, the Housatonic River Action Coalition, the Great Barrington Land Conservancy, the Lee Land Trust, the Trustees of Reservations, the Pittsfield Conservation Commission, the Center for Ecological Technology, Berkshire Community College, and the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. This is a first. Although there have been many successful river cleanups organized by local groups in recent years, never before have all pitched in together on the same day to remove the tires, appliances, shopping carts, mattresses, barrels, balls,

bottles, cans, bicycles, television sets, and other junk to be found in the Housatonic along its whole length.

Each group is identifying a part of the river its volunteers will clean, dividing it into smaller units and assigning people to these sections. They are also arranging for trash pickup at the end of

the day. Records will be kept of the number of volunteers, and the amount and kind of trash collected. HVA reports that the Coors Brewing Company of Edison, New Jersey, and First Brands of Danbury, Connecticut have contributed 3,000 plastic garbage bags for the project. The Association is working on safety guidelines for the volunteers, and looking for a source to donate work gloves. They are also seeking a collector who will take the tires recovered from the river without charging a fee.

Organizers hope this will become an annual event, and expand to include many tributaries of the Housatonic (the Konkapot!). HVA is also leading plans for a Housatonic RiverBelt Greenway, which will link preserved spaces along the river with hiking and bicycle paths.

To participate, or to find out more, call your favorite group, or call The Housatonic Valley Association at this can-do phone number: 1-800-TEAM-HVA.

— Pete Murkett

DEMOCRATS FORM BYLAW COMMITTEE

At issue during the Monterey Democratic Caucus of June 19 was the question of whether it is proper, desirable, or even legal to limit nominations for town offices to registered Democrats. Readers of the *Monterey News* may remember that this question was the source of considerable confusion, not to say contention, in the nomination of a candidate for Selectman this year. After much discussion, some of it heated, a resolution was gratefully seized by the participants. A committee will be formed to determine whether the Democratic Town Committee should adopt bylaws to establish orderly procedures, and to draft a set of bylaws if the committee determines that such rules are desirable.

This Bylaw Committee, whose members are Dan Moriarty, Bob Gauthier, Mel Dyer-Bennet, Joyce Scheffey, and Cynthia Weber, has met several times, and will present its preliminary findings, including a minority report, to the general membership of the Democratic party at a hearing at 7 p.m. on September 24 in the firehouse. All registered Democrats are urged to attend and take part in this important discussion.

Following the September meeting, the Bylaw Committee will present an amended report along with its recom-

mendations to a meeting of the general membership, where all present will be asked to vote by secret ballot. This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on October 21 in the firehouse.

— Cynthia Weber

DOCK REGISTRATION

The deadline for registering docks under the Massachusetts Chapter 91 Public Waterfront Act has been extended to October, 1995. An article in the state budget (which Governor Weld has signed) delays implementation of the regulations so dock owners can lobby, possibly changing the regulations, lowering fees, and/or directing some of those fees to the Clean Lakes Program to aid in management of our Great Ponds. We now have time to work with our state legislators to improve regulations on our lake.

— Muriel Lazzarini
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SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons designed to meet the requirements of the American Red Cross Program were given at the Town Beach on Lake Garfield this summer during the two week period from July 26 - August 6. As it happened, the weather was windy and swimmers were glad to be in the warm lake water for their half-hour lessons. There were fifty-one participants, including four adults, who worked on their skills at levels defined by the Red Cross. The breakdown was as follows: **Level VI:** 3 Advanced Swimmers (Skill Proficiency); **Level V:** 2 Swimmers (Stroke Refinement); **Level IV:** 6 Intermediates (Stroke Development); **Level III:** 8 Advanced Beginners (Stroke Readiness); **Level II:** 20 Beginners (Primary Skills); **Level I:** 8 three- and four-year-olds (Water Exploration).

Fourteen of those who signed up for swimming lessons were unable to complete the full program, in many cases because vacation time did not span the calendar break from July to August. This suggests that it might be better next year to schedule the two weeks all in one calendar month, either July or August.

I had a great time watching everyone's progress, and seeing enthusiasm for the water grow. Thanks to Keira Ritter for all her help.

— Priscilla Gulliver

THE GALLERY IN MONTEREY

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CET COMPOSTING WORKSHOP SUCCESSFUL

The Center for Ecological Technology conducted a successful composting workshop and compost bin pickup at the firehouse in Monterey on Thursday, August 12. Fifty-nine preordered bins were sold, including twenty-four to households in Monterey. Most were sold to other south county residents, but there were those who came from as far away as Wayland and Florida.

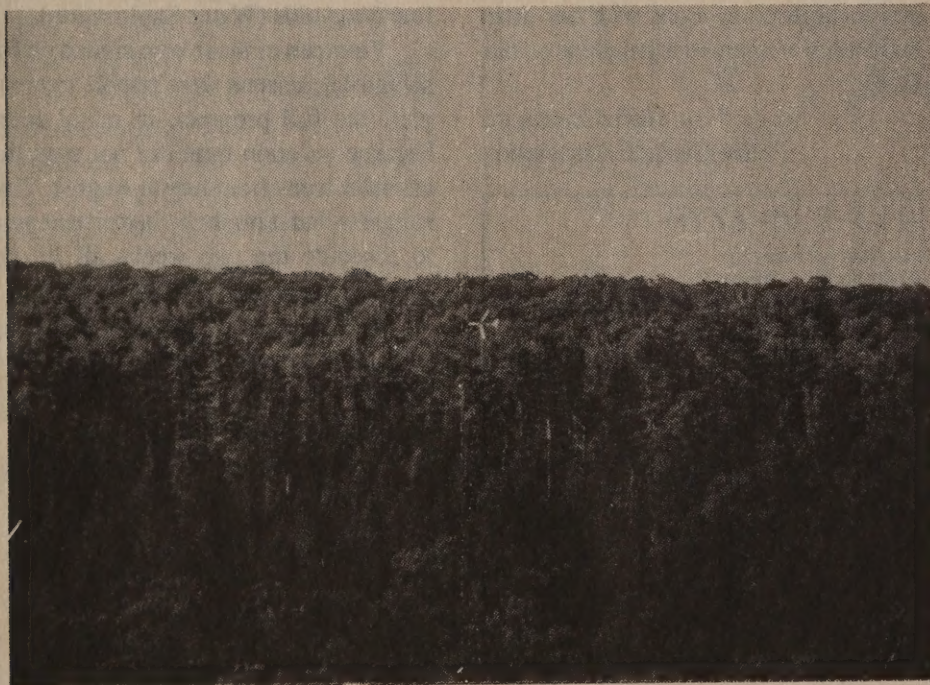
John Bye, the instructor, was particularly pleased with the workshop, held after the bins were distributed. Twenty-five people attended, some with experience and others new to composting, a mix which John says always makes for a good session.

CET would like to thank the Monterey Fire Company for the use of their grounds and pavilion.

Sherill Baldwin, CET Program Coordinator, reports that a few people did not pick up their preordered bins. They may still do so in Pittsfield at 112 Elm Street. Also, anyone previously unaware of the program who would like a bin can place an order, if there are any left. Call 1-800-238-1221 or 1-445-4556 for information.

Last spring the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District purchased one each of the two styles of these composting bins for every member town. Monterey's two bins are on display at the Transfer Station, where you can see them next time you stop by.

— Joyce Scheffey



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1) **Permits are for households, not cars.** Each household is expected to share in the expense of the transfer station and must have a permit, no matter what arrangements have been made for waste pickup and/or disposal.

2) Each unit with a kitchen in a multi-unit building must have a sticker. **It is the landlord's responsibility to see that his or her tenants have permits.**

3) Two week temporary stickers may be obtained for \$10.

4) **Camps, motels, and B&Bs**, establishments in which accommodations do not include private kitchens, are charged \$10 per bed.

5) A partial year permit from April through June is available to new home owners for \$10.

6) **Commercial haulers** must supply a list of customers to the Selectmen, and pay \$10 per household.

If you are not paying the proper fee, please inform the permit clerk at the Town Hall, 9 a.m.-12 noon on Saturdays.

— Joyce Scheffey



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From our very small town.*

*We need contributions
In greater amounts.
Dig deep in your pockets,
For every cent counts.*

*Much thanks for your giving,
Much thanks for your ear.
Now we must pray
The funds will appear.*



Town center, late summer

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COMMUNITY DINNER

About twenty-five friends and neighbors gathered for an excellent variety of foods and a program on the Florida Everglades at the August 11 Community Dinner.

Larry Bates shared his experiences from a recent trip to the Everglades. The slides, particularly those of birds, were beautiful. Lisa Simpson hosted the dinner. Thanks to Lisa, Larry, and Lisa's husband Gary Eveland, who hefted the big tables down for us.

The next Community Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 8. Zoe Dalheim will talk about helping Berkshire adults gain literacy so they can function more freely in our society. Zoe is in charge of the Berkshire County Literacy Program, which includes volunteers from Monterey. Larry Bates will host this dinner. Why not come? Bring a food you like to make, your own set-ups, and a friend. Remember, it's the second Wednesday of every month.

— Gige O'Connell

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

A trip to Forest Park Zoo in Agawam is planned for **September 8**. Meet at Children's Health Program, 9 a.m. For information, please call Claudette or Wendy (528-9311).

School will be in session soon. Playgroups begin the **week of September 13**. Look for a schedule attached to our monthly mailing and also in the Shoppers' Guide. If you need to have children immunized, please call the Visiting Nurse Association in Great Barrington (528-0130) or Lee (243-1212) for information about free immunization clinics, or check with your family doctor.

A Parents' Day Off will be held **September 18** at the Bear Care Day Care Center in Great Barrington, with childcare and lunch provided. Parents may participate in a Positive Parenting Workshop, all free of charge. The event is sponsored by Children's Health Program, Parents Anonymous and Bear Care. To make reservations, please call Claudette (528-9311) or Ted (528-2909).

Construct will sponsor an eight mile Walk for the Homeless on **September 19** at 12:30 p.m. To participate, call Cindy (528-1985).

Parent to Parent volunteer training will be held in October. If you would like to be a support person for a parent of young children or a pregnant woman, and have one or two hours a week to donate, please call Claudette (528-9311).

Please note the ad elsewhere in this issue of the *News* for our first crafts fair, "Hands at Work," to be held

October 9 and 10. We will need volunteers to help with admissions and the food concession. We plan to sell soup and sandwiches. If you can help for an hour on either day, please call Claudette (528-9311) so she can schedule volunteers. The proceeds will benefit our Family Support Services, including playgroups and Parent to Parent volunteers.

The following is quoted from an article titled "Mother's Smoke Linked to Children's Behavioral Problems" in *Pediatric Journal* (1992, Vol. 90, No. 3): "Mothers who smoke during or after pregnancy are more likely to report behavioral problems in their children than mothers who do not smoke, states a study released in September, 1992. Explanations for the findings include the possibility that the many toxins in cigarette smoke may affect the developing fetus brain, or may have a direct effect on children, and cause the behavioral problems. Another theory proposes that mothers who smoke are more depressed and anxious, thereby affecting their children's behavior."

— Claudette Callahan

SOUTH COUNTY HEALTH FAIR

A South County Family Health Fair will be held on **October 2** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Monterey firehouse.

Theme of the fair is "Get a Handle on Your Family's Health," and there will be more than twenty-five booths providing information and services for all age groups, from babies and small children to the elderly, and everyone in between. All of this completely free. Sponsors are the Visiting Nurse Association of the Berkshires, and the Monterey Board of health assisted by the Monterey Council on Aging.

We are particularly fortunate to be able to provide free cholesterol screening, which can be very expensive when done by your own doctor. We will also have Dr. Jeffrey Feldman, podiatrist, who will demonstrate good foot care. The VNA has a grant to provide foot care at home, and this would be a good chance to sign up for an appointment. The Children's Health Program will be there to help with problems and put people in touch with other Berkshire County agencies. There will be hearing tests, blood sugar testing, blood pressure checks, heart and lung information, and (we hope) vision screening.

The Monterey Grange will provide a light lunch and snacks. Come and bring your family! This is an excellent opportunity to "Get a Handle on Your Family Health" before the winter season sets in. For information, call Cora Cooney at the VNA, 1-800-788-2862, or 528-0130, or any member of the Monterey Council on Aging—Muriel Lazzarini, Cynthia Weber, or Bob Rausch.

— Gige O'Connell, Chair
Monterey Board of Health

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RABIES UPDATE

The rabies epidemic continues in our region, where the raccoon population has been decimated by the disease.

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system of mammals, and is spread by a bite or scratch from an infected animal. Untreated, it is always fatal. An eleven year old girl in New York state died of rabies recently, eight weeks after her first symptoms of illness. She was incorrectly diagnosed as having meningitis, and treated accordingly. An autopsy revealed the cause of death, but there was no firm knowledge of when she was bitten, or by what animal. It was the first New York state death from rabies in forty years.

Vaccinate your pets, don't let them run, and feed them indoors to keep them from contact with wild animals.

Dazed, distressed, or otherwise abnormal behavior in a wild animal may be a sign that it is rabid. If your pet is bitten by a rabid animal, and it has a current rabies inoculation, it will get a booster shot, and probably be quite all right. *But the pet has to be quarantined and inspected once a week for three months.*

If your pet is *not* currently inoculated, and is bitten by a rabid animal, authorities will ask that you put it down. If you refuse, the pet must remain in quarantine for *six months*.

Rabies causes great suffering. Sometimes the virus moves slowly through the bloodstream to the spinal cord or brain, where the disease takes hold, so it's possible for an animal to be infected without showing symptoms for some time.

Dale Duryea reports that rabies has now been confirmed as far north as Lenox, and that baby raccoons have been born with the disease. He has not himself confirmed any cases of foxes infected

with rabies, although he has seen distemper in foxes recently.

Dale Duryea (528-9335), Wildlife Protection Officer in Monterey, and Martin Clark (528-6694), the Dog Warden in Great Barrington, are trained to deal with rabid animals. Call them at any time. Dale can also be reached by radio dispatch (1-442-0512), or (by touch tone only) at 1-800-8058. At this number you'll get a tone, then dial your own number and hang up. Dale will call back.



The Tryon house in the town center, elm trees through the porch roof

BIDWELL HOUSE

July was a great month at The Bidwell House. We are pleased to report doubling our attendance from July, 1992!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 4. The Bidwell House is sponsoring a walk/drive tour of Monterey's eighteenth century religious sites from 2-4 p.m. The event, which I will lead, begins with a tour of The Bidwell House which will focus on the daily life of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell as a Congregational minister. We will then take a short hike along the newly constructed Church Site Trail to the site of the first church in Monterey, built in the 1740s. We will discuss why the church was located there, what it looked like, and what a typical service entailed. We will then drive to Woods Cemetery on Bear-town Mountain Road, Monterey's first cemetery. Discussion there will cover

why it was so far from the church, burials in the eighteenth century, and gravestone carving and symbols. Cost of the tour is \$5 for non-members, \$3 for museum members. Reservations are required; call 528-6888. Rain date is Sunday, September 5, same time.

Looking ahead to the first week in October, the museum has planned a variety of programs. On Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m., the museum will join with the Tyringham Historical Commission to co-

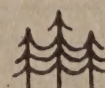
sponsor a lecture on the Tyringham Shaker village. The lecture will be given by Deborah Burns, author of a forthcoming book on the Shakers with special chapters on the Tyringham village. Deborah has uncovered interesting information on this little-known community, including a song composed at the village, which she will sing. The lecture is free, and

will be held at the Tyringham Town Hall. Donations will be accepted, and shared by the co-sponsors.

On Saturday, October 2, from 2-4 p.m. the museum will hold a cider pressing workshop led by Tom Christopher, horticulturist and enthusiast of heirloom apples. Few people know that the Bidwell house had its own cider mill in the nineteenth century. Admission is \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members. Rain date is Sunday, October 3.

— Lisa Simpson

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Some of us have discussed this issue, and we believe we have a plan to offer based on innovative programs practiced in other areas of this country. We are calling it Monterey Service Shares. It works like this:

Having filled out and returned the coupon below you make known your willingness to invest some of your time right here in Monterey. When you give your time to others you receive time credits for the services you give, regardless of the nature of the work. You, in turn, may call upon assistance when you want it. A coordinator matches donors with recipients and records credits earned and spent. All of these transactions are, of course, confidential. We are sure that there are many ways in which we could help one another through such a concerted effort and would like your participation at whatever level you wish to be involved.

Take a moment right now and think if you could have used a hand in the last month or so. -- Also, what are you good at? How would you like to help a neighbor who might need exactly that? If you decide to participate, jot down on the coupon what you could do, and also the kind of thing that you may occasionally want help with. Service is casual and in no way competes with what professionals do. You can call the coordinator at 528-9636 in the mornings (Monday through Friday) from 8:30 to 9:30 and ask for more details. (From Sept. 1 through Sept. 15 please call the coordinator at 528-0257.) If you're interested, please fill out the coupon below and send it to us.

Our recent letter to Montereyans invites those interested in the concept of "service shares" to take part in this program. Judging by the response, many individuals are interested in participating. The next step is for people to call the coordinator with a specific need to be matched with what has been offered. Don't be shy -- you'll be priming the pump that moves this concept into a reality!

THE MONTEREY SERVICE SHARES COMMITTEE

P.S. Our next meeting is Sun. August 29 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. This is a community effort -- we welcome your input and hope to see you there.

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CHURCH NEWS

As the summer season draws to a close, we at the church have been talking about stewardship—what it means to be caretakers of God's creation and how we respond to the abundant blessings of life. We've taken a look at the Old Testament practice of tithing, Jesus' understanding of giving out of love, and Paul's words to the early church, "God loves a cheerful giver." The Rev. Robert Chase spoke to our congregation about stewardship as a spiritual discipline. Bob shared the following African folk tale to help us understand the depth of giving.



The view below made the sparrow sad. As she flew high above the withered landscape, her tiny shadow skimmed a parched African plain. If not for the constant sun, she thought, the air would cool. Plants could grow again. Animals could thrive. Children could play in the rain. But the sparrow was so small, she was helpless against the unrelenting sun. Or was she?

Suddenly, she had a thought. She flew off and excitedly chirped her idea to a wise old woodpecker who nodded in approval. Now, being a sociable fellow, the woodpecker informed a flock of pigeons, who scattered to tell others. Soon the skies were abuzz with the sparrow's idea: darters and snipes, hornbills and hawks, osprey and pelicans, even the crows were interested. Only the vultures turned a cold wing to the plan.

The day arrived—bright and hot like all the others. At the appointed hour, when the sun was at its height, the birds came. From east and west, from north and south, they flew shoulder to wing. They strained to fly as high as possible, circling in the midday heat. Plants and animals looked up in disbelief. The earth had suddenly cooled as the searing sun was blocked by the great cloud of birds soaring overhead.

Each day the birds returned. Day after day. Protected from the scorching sun, the earth soon sprouted. Animals frolicked and people found new hope. Then, for reasons that the birds did not understand, the sky began producing its own clouds. Soon the rains came. The sparrow looked down and smiled. Her shadow was nowhere to be found.

It's easy for us to think we can't make much difference in this world. But if we work together, sharing our concern, pooling our resources, and striving for a noble goal, anything is possible. We believe

there is no nobler goal than supporting the ministry of the church. In its own small way, our church does make a difference in the lives of many people—through our pastoral ministry, the programs we support, the events we present, and the missions we help throughout the world. Last year we sent almost a hundred blankets to victims in Somalia. We raised several thousand dollars to support third world craftspeople through our international crafts fair. Our denominational offering aided people recovering from hurricane Andrew. Yes our church, just like that little sparrow, has made a big difference in the world.

We invite you to help us. Our membership and friends are pledging their support for 1994. We are stressing regular weekly giving as a sign of our commitment to ministry. If you would like to make a pledge, or even a one-time, tax deductible donation to our church, we would welcome your support.

There is a Nigerian proverb that says, "It is the heart that gives. The fingers just let go." There are many ways to give in our world, but none better than giving to the work of God's family. Thank you.

— Cliff Aerie

AN INVITATION

This September brings the 60th wedding anniversary of Ray and Mary Ward. We are inviting all our friends and neighbors to help us celebrate on Sunday, September 19, at an Open House Party at our home. Stop by any time between 2:30 and 5 p.m. We look forward to greeting each of you there.

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GRAVESTONE RESTORATION FUNDS SOUGHT

The Bidwell House is currently seeking funds to restore the eighteenth century gravestones of the Reverend Adonijah Bidwell and his first two wives, Theodosia Colton and Jemima devotion. The graves are located in Woods Cemetery on Beartown Mountain Road, and were damaged in a storm several years ago. Two headstones are broken at the base, and all three footstones are broken.

As is true of all artwork, proper restoration of these stones is crucial if they are to survive another 200 years. Late in 1992 The Bidwell House took on the project, and so far has raised \$1,635 among Bidwell family members throughout the country. We are now asking the Monterey community for the remaining \$520 needed for the conservation work.

Fanin-Lahner, Inc., a firm in Boston which specializes in the conservation of gravestones, has been selected for the project. Over the course of three days in September, they will realign the bases, mend the broken stones, and clean all six head- and footstones. Careful records will be kept of their work for reference in the future.

Graves of the settlers of Township No. 1, as Monterey was then called, are important physical links with our past. In their current condition, these stones will deteriorate quickly, and they are prone to damage from mower blades. We hope you will help this community project with your contribution to the Bidwell Graves Restoration Fund. Please make checks payable to The Bidwell House. If you have further questions, please call 528-5666.

— Lisa Simpson

MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange No. 291 observed Youth night on August 18. Craig Pittsinger from Chesterfield was Master. Youth from area granges helped with the meeting, program, and a fund-raiser for youth projects. The Grange will put up an exhibit at the Blandford Fair.

On August 27 the Monterey Grange was invited to the 65th anniversary at Highland of Huntington Grange.

The Grange will be in charge of the snack bar for the Health Fair on October 2. (See page 6.)

The next meeting will be September 1, when at an open meeting past State Flora Florence Blish of the Massachusetts State Grange from Feeding Hills, and suite, will install the officers for 1993-94.

— Fraternally, Mary Wallace
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CAR TALK

I liked my little red car.

It got me places—the store, the post office, Chicago—without much fuss. My little red car and I, we didn't know each other real well, and we didn't need to. Ours was what a fancier person might call a "mutually dependent relationship." I paid for it to remain in this world and it gave me 60 m.p.h. freedom.

Yesterday Chris handed Kathleen the title to our—her—shiny red 1988 Ford Escort GT with the sunroof and three torn bumperstickers and trunk that won't stay open without a broken pool cue wedged between the window and the bumper. An outsider would view this as a simple transaction.

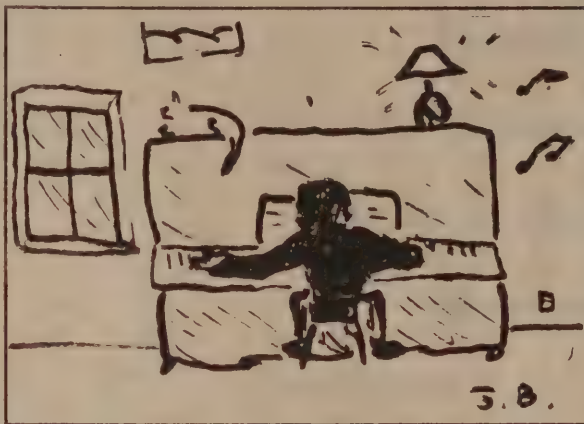
NOT.

You see, the passing of cars has become a community way of passing time. It's a sport and an art form. If we didn't have each other's cars to covet, to hone, to complain about, we'd have to play PIC a lot more. Here's the score so far:

We, the Hines, bought a blue 4WD Colt (not a minivan). Kathleen bought our Escort only to find that we never owned it, and she therefore had to wait six weeks for a reissued title from a guy in Missouri named King whom we never even knew. The Posts (who used to live in Mary and Anne's house) sold Mickey the off-yellow Dodge Dart that she always drove anyway. Mickey fell in love with the Farm's Aries after too many movie trips, so she bought the Aries and sold the Dart to David T. David turned out to be much too cool for off-yellow, and answered Chris's ad for a less yellow, rebuilt Subaru (which Chris had purchased from Doug only a year before). Chris traded David the Subaru for the Dart, which now sits in my driveway. (Rumor now has it that Oren is interested in the Dart—but, late flash! Oren just got himself a new, used Fox, missing out horribly on the Dart. Better luck next time...)

Doug fixed up Jim Romano's truck for him so Jim could take it to Alaska. In

exchange, Doug got a three-wheeler, a snowmobile, and another truck, all of which needed much more work, of course. Jim also passed on a vehicle to Ray, I am told. Brian T. had a yellow truck. Bill Kop bought the Markwood's black truck, and then he and Brian T. swapped trucks. The Markwoods are left with nothing more than a small tractor (which I heard is also for sale). Mary R. bought the Snyder's car. Anne bought Bill Kop's car, (although I only see Jimbo driving it) with the understanding that the socially responsible bumper sticker was included.



Doug then bought Anne's car. Penny bought a very new, also cute truck from Beth (the former secretary), and Beth was recently spotted driving Susan R.'s blue wheels.

As far as I know, that's the status at press time. Some questions remain: What happened to Mary's quite solid car? Where's the Caravan? Who's got Oren's old flame? As for the future, Kathleen's silver wagon won't run forever, and remember, Doug's always got a boat or two to go.

The Dart remains on the market.

— Kim

THE OBSERVER - JULY

We made a point last month of telling you about the extraordinarily dense Perseid meteor shower expected on August 11 and 12, but we also noted that we don't predict the weather in this column. Of course, cloud cover prevented seeing the meteors. We heard a report on the radio of someone in western New York

state who observed fifty meteors, some with trails visible for five seconds, between midnight and 12:30 a.m. The whole thing reminded us in miniature of talk about the comet Kohoutek many years ago (1973?). We remember hoping for significant drama, a bright slash across the sky night after night, something to make skeptics into believers. Buildup in the press lasted months, but things didn't work out, and not because of local weather. The science of that episode is dim in the memory; maybe astronomers were satisfied, but we naked eye types were disappointed. Still, this round of the Perseids brought some memorable descriptions of the event, words that put us in our place. One report mentioned that the meteors would appear to come from one place in the sky, if one were to trace the meteor's path back to its point of origin. Picture a Being very far away throwing things to us. Another report spoke of midnight as a good time for viewing, since that's when a person's on the very bowsprit of the good ship Earth as it plunges through space.

Anyway, July was a pretty regular month, statistically, as follows:

High temp. (7/6).....	94°
Low temp. (7/4)	50°
Avg. high temp.	83°
Avg. low temp.	57°
Avg. temp.	70°
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	68.3°
Precip. occ.	9 days
Total precip.	4"
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	4.21"
High bar. press. (7/26)	30.21
Low bar. press. (7/30)	29.75
High humidity (7/27)	90%
Low humidity (7/9)	63%
Avg. wind speed	9 mph
High wind gust (7/27)	39 mph

It's worth noting that Pittsfield had precipitation on 17 days, as against Monterey's 9 days. This year's July thunderstorms were localized, only 5-10 miles across, and most seemed to pass north of us, yet we had about 0.8" more rain than Pittsfield. Cumulus clouds were the most frequent formation this July.

THIS FLOWER

*Let us be clear about this flower
that grows beside us in the field
of flowers much alike but each
its own and rooted in its place.*

*Let us be clear about this flower
that rises up beneath the sky
and flourishes beyond our touch
and has no ground within ourselves.*

*Let us be clear about this flower
white petals from a yellow core;
no name we give has any root
within the earth, within the field.*

*Behold this flower does not stand
for poets troping around its stem;
it is its own and will not trade
its being for a moment's honor.*

*Behold this flower does not stand
for nosegays of correlatives;
it is its own and will not trade
its life away to match a mood.*

*Behold this flower live and bright
its own beside us in the field
and Solomon in all his pomp
might homage yield to such array.*

— Royal Shepard

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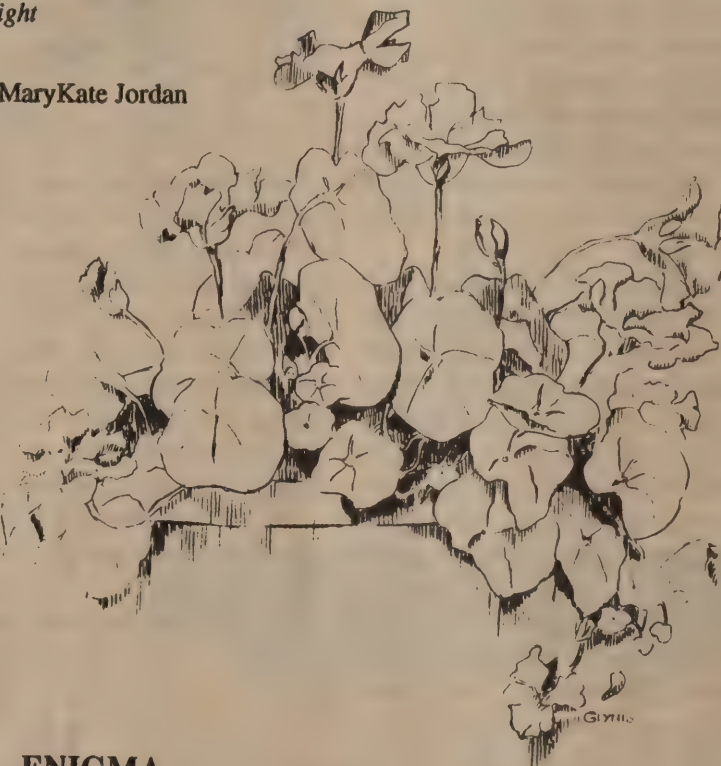
*so I shift back into the light and mystery
obediently
summon some what and who I am
lamb
of innocent white wool
fall
of unmasked red maple
cleft of breast not hoof
proof
inextinguishable of
love
indivisible of
loves
undeniable who yearn
turn
burn back into light*

— MaryKate Jordan

HARVEST

*sunlit through the corn we may see
the ear's swell, project bottom lines
or bent to the bean row tell
how much depends
or reaching up in the shine take
to hand the eye's apple
but for the potato we must dare
to delve the darkness
and among the shrews and slugs
the poem*

— Royal Shepard



ENIGMA

*My first is in squash, not in tomato, My second in celery, also in cuke, My third in horseradish, not in garlic,
And my next is in onion and in artichoke. My fifth is in broccoli, not in beans, And my last is in melon, not in greens.*

What am I?

Find the letters that spell the answer, printed elsewhere in this issue.

— Eleanor Kimberly

CLOUDBURST

1.

*Spots my skin and clothes
with temporary freckles.
Chills like splashes on my
morning face:
Wake-up fluid.*

2.

*Water surrounds.
Grey birthmother sky
opens the soul of my cells.
I hunger for salt
so far from the sea.*

— MaryKate Jordan



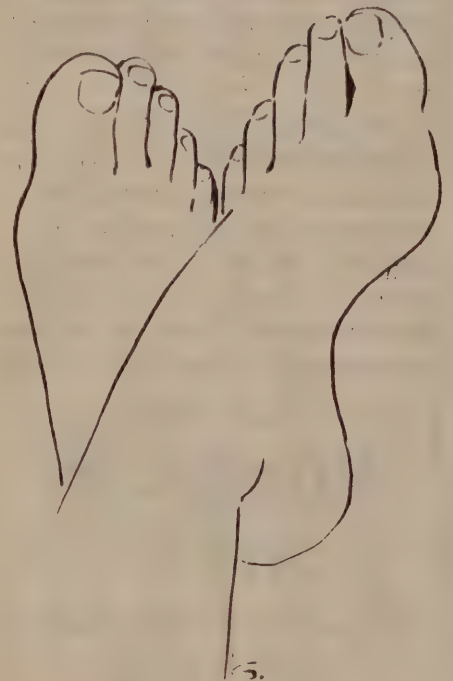
A LONELY DAY

*This house of ours seems changed today,
A lonely stillness fills each room.
I hear no laughter light and gay
To drive away the gloom.
The day seems long, the hours drag by,
No peace is mine now I'm alone;
I watch the clock with longing eye
And wait his coming home.
Our Bobby went to school today,
His baby days are too soon o'er
And now i miss him at his play
With toys about the floor.
The little dog, his faithful pal,
Has followed at my heels all day;
In his big brown eyes a worried look
Replaces one of play.
He comes to me for comfort
As he shows his grave concern;
But Bobby's only gone to school
And soon he will return.*

— Eleanor Kimberly

*The pale rounded Moon
drew her
closer and closer.
She forgot her world
and her restrictions
finding herself
alone
with only
the Moon,
which beckoned
and called
to her heart
and mind
and body
and soul,
the Moon alone'
recognizing these as
one
whole.
She then found herself
not alone
nor accompanied
just at peace.*

— Kate Wolf



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WILDLIFE SURVEY

Mammals

On August 17 an out of state man was hospitalized after a collision with a bear in Dalton. The bear was injured too, and took to the woods; it had not been found by wildlife protection officers when the story went to press in the August 18 *Berkshire Eagle*. Art Hastedt provides this historical note on bears: It was 1959 when he first heard that bears had been seen in Monterey (appropriately enough, in Beartown Forest) after they had been gone for over a hundred years. An old deed for the McManus place dated 1742 has as one of its reference points, "the tree where John shot the bear."

Two foxes were seen near the intersection of Hupi and Tyringham Roads about August 4. One looked very thin and ill, and was spotted by several people a week later at the east end of Hupi Road. Dale Duryea was alerted and saw the fox, which seemed to him to have distemper, but he couldn't get close enough to be sure.

So many raccoons have died in the current rabies outbreak that they are getting scarce. Farmers have been reporting the absence of the usual raccoon levy on corn crops. The first human death from rabies in this region was reported recently in the news. There was no history of contact with the rabid animal, so the

source of the infection remains a mystery. (See the warning and instructions about rabies on p. 6 in this issue.)

A few half-grown fawns have been seen with their mothers.

Birds

Mallards, kingfisher, pileated woodpecker, catbirds, hummingbirds, goldfinches, turkey vultures.

Reptiles

Rattlesnake lore from Art Hastedt: Although he hasn't seen any there in recent years, there is a den on Dry Hill where timber rattlers used to be easy to find. Raymond Ditmars, the herpetologist, said that the biggest timber rattler he ever saw was in New Marlborough. Art conducted the great man to the den he knew on Dry Hill, and a satisfactory viewing of snakes took place. Art thinks it might be possible to find some of Ditmars' fine wire mesh snake traps up there still. Art supplied Pleasant Valley Sanctuary with a somewhat mean-tempered rattler five and a half feet long some years back when Alva Sanborn was Director.

Flowers

As of August 18: The viburnums of last month have been replaced by wild clematis and wild cucumber, both white-flowered vines in the shrubbery along the road. The former has small, four-

petalled flowers; the latter has tall, feathery "candles." Other dominant flowers along the road are purple loosestrife, goldenrod, Joe-Pye weed, Queen Anne's lace, and, alas for allergy sufferers, ragweed.

Other flowers, less commonly seen: silver rod, wood aster, bladder campion, wild thyme, mullein, groundnut, cardinal flower, helleborine, pond lilies (yellow and white), wintergreen, meadow-sweet, turtlehead, Indianpipe, daisy fleabane, sweet clover, red clover, yellow clover, meadow rue, bluecurls, shrubby cinquefoil, forget-me-not, boneset, thistle, and jointweed.

Plants now in fruit: service berry, partridge berry, baneberry (red and white), and Canada lily.

— David P. McAllester



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LONG JOHN SILVER AND THE POISON BERRIES

We spent some rainy days in a cabin in the Adirondacks recently and read *Treasure Island* to four kids, ages seven to twelve. The older ones were patient whenever we ground to a halt for basic explanations: "What's a buccaneer? What does ebb mean? What's 'a long brass nine'? What's mutiny? Do you think Long John Silver is a pirate?"

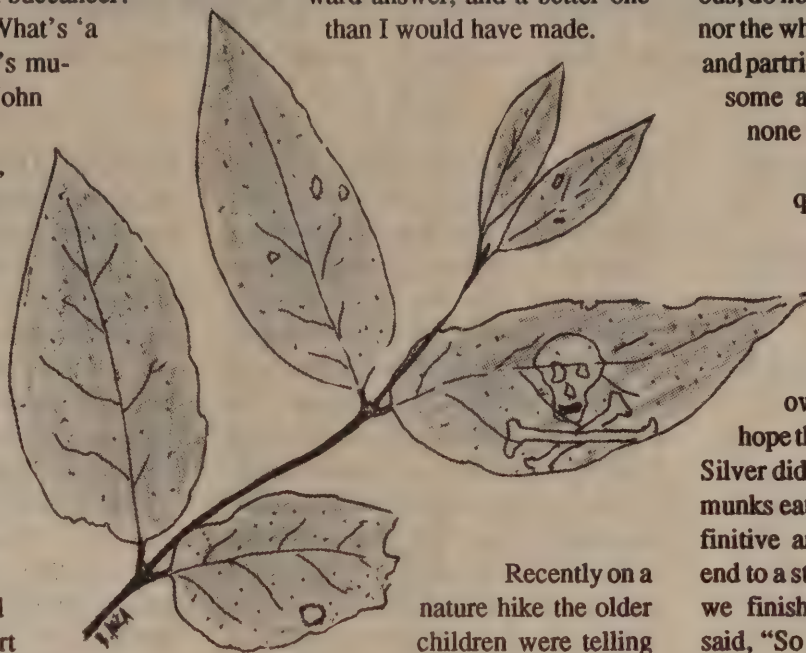
It is a suspenseful tale, told in rolling language that doesn't want to stop for definitions and speculation. Like a lot of writing for children, *Treasure Island* is tale with a lesson for the young: Be brave and loyal, and the reward shall be yours. Do not be a dirty, drunken, bad guy. These pirates are bad guys through and through, and from the start you can be sure they will come to no good end. The case of Long John is complicated by the fact that he pretends to be a good guy from time to time, and is so successful that it is necessary to let him escape with a bit of treasure at the end, rather than handing him a trial and the gallows.

We teach the children, in books like this, that there are good guys and bad guys, easy to figure out; but then there are also special cases, difficult to handle. John Silver, murderer, thief, liar, pirate, is superior to the other pirates because of his ability to masquerade, to talk nice, to pass as a good guy.

If we consider the good guys carefully, we will see that their hands are usually bloodstained, too. Of course it is mostly the blood of pirates, so perhaps that changes things. But what do they do with the treasure when they find it? Split it up, keep it, live high on the hog. Have they stolen it? Maybe not, but neither have they given it back to anyone. What is the difference between the good guys and the pirates here? The good guys can talk nice, kind of like John Silver, and

they don't drink too much rum at one time. They have some loyalty and are on the right side of the law, but basically they put to sea, kill a bunch of people, and come home rich.

When the younger children asked, "Is John Silver a good guy now?" the others would answer "No! Don't ever trust him. He's a pirate." A straightforward answer, and a better one than I would have made.



Recently on a nature hike the older children were telling the younger ones in my class about "poisonberries." I always learn a lot from the kids and this was something new for me. They were referring to honeysuckle bushes, which have orange or red berries at this time of year, growing in pairs, kind of stuck together. I said I'd always called them "honeysuckle berries" myself. "They're poison!" chorused the kids, "(aren't they?)" I could only say I'd never heard they were poison myself and I kind of figured I would have heard if they were, but who knows. This is a mighty lame answer from a nature teacher.

"So can we eat them?" was the next demand. I said, "Don't eat them." Then they had me. "Oh, so they *are* poison after all." I said I'd tell them all I knew about the Tartarian Honeysuckle and I'd go home and look it up and come back with the definitive answer as to 1) Are they poison? and 2) Can you eat them?

Now, having exhausted my library on the subject, I find that the Tartarian and other bush honeysuckles have berries which, according to one book only, "are eaten by birds and chipmunks and

while some reports tell of a poisonous substance being present, there is little danger to children because the fruits are not palatable." The other books don't mention poison at all.

This is not much of an answer for a crowd that wants to know what are good guys and what are bad. It is a big relief to come to the bane berries ("very poisonous, do not eat them, neither the red ones nor the white ones") and the wintergreen and partridge berries ("you can eat these, some are delicious, some are mild, none are poisonous").

It makes life easier to give a quick response, such as "pirates are bad and come to no good end, and those berries are poison so don't ever eat them," even when every berry and every pirate has its own complicated story. But I hope the children will notice that John Silver did not swing at the end and chipmunks eat honeysuckle berries. The definitive answer can make an untimely end to a story or an investigation. When we finished *Treasure Island* the kids said, "So what happened to Long John Silver?" The answer is, "That's another story."

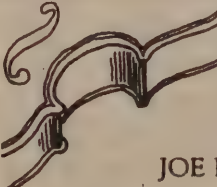
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WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Leonard Weber's Townscapes Gain Popularity

One of the unique artistic ventures emanating from Monterey is the "townscapes" invented and executed by Leonard Weber. As he has perfected them over the last dozen years, these are much more than just a panoramic view of a town or city: they are an evocation of the present life and the past history of a community. Lenny often works with a knowledgeable local group such as the historical society to "unfold" the town in the way he depicts it so that buildings of special cultural and historical interest are highlighted. In recent editions each print is accompanied by a key, a black and white reduction numbered so that buildings can be identified by owner or title. There's also a brief synopsis of each building's history.

Starting in 1981, when he was still teaching in Albany (see the January, 1990 issue of the *News* for an account of the many facets of Lenny's career), Lenny chose Great Barrington as the subject of the first townscape. This was followed by Robinson Square in Albany, then Stockbridge, and then West Stockbridge. Gordon Rose, the developer who gave West Stockbridge its new character in the early 1980s, bought the original watercolor of this townscape and had it printed, himself, by Studley Press in Dalton. They did an excellent job, and Lenny has worked with them ever since.

Hancock Shaker Village followed in 1983, and has been such a favorite that Lenny made a new version last year.

Meanwhile, he has expanded his venue to cities and towns as far west as Pittsburgh and Chicago. Seacoast towns are a natural. He has done a number of them on the Cape and in Florida. Sometimes they are commissioned by an interested individual or group, as was the case with White Plains and Hancock Shaker Village. "I've done twenty-six now, and have sold some twelve thousand prints. I'd like to paint one hundred cities, towns, and other places of special interest in the United States, and then do some of my favorite cities abroad, maybe fifty. I'd start in Italy, where I've already fallen in love with Rome, Florence, Siena—of course, there are all kinds of wonderful possibilities.

"My primary objective is to create a kind of documentation of the United States and our style of living at the end of the twentieth century in the several regions that have their own particular character. We're just at the start of a super-technological era in which everything is beginning to change very fast, even the shape of the land we're living on. I want to make a record of how things are before this rapidly accelerating change sets in."

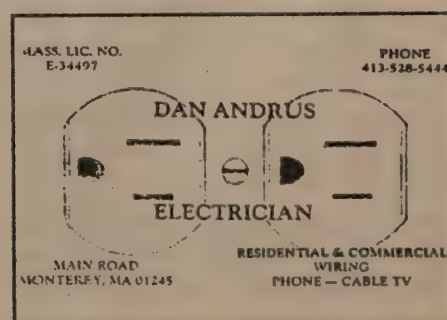
Lenny's biggest success so far has been the townscape of colonial Williamsburgh. The shop there keeps a good supply of the prints on hand and they advertise it in their catalogue, which keeps Lenny busy framing, crating, and shipping from his own stock here in Monterey. The Hayloft Gallery on Route 23 has taken on the appearance of a mail-order supply house while it remains the gallery of Lenny's other artistic output. He usually prints editions of 950 copies; occasionally a gallery, like the International Oasis in Savannah, will buy an

entire run. The prints are made in two sizes, priced at \$50 and \$90. The original watercolors start at \$10,000.

Lenny's *modus operandi* is to take his comfortable old trailer and establish a base near the location of current interest. Then he spends days working his way into the spirit of the town or city, studying its physical shape from many points of view, reading histories and town records, and talking with the people who live there. There may be several such visits, as time and opportunity permit, and of course there are many preliminary sketches. "I've been doing two or three townscapes a year lately. If things go the way I hope they will, I'll reduce other commitments to a minimum and try to produce five editions a year."

As time passes and the townscapes reach an ever-widening public, Lenny has encouraging intimations of a promising future. "Perhaps my sales are a surer indication of an improving economy than the pronouncements of the Department of Commerce. It's interesting doing a big city, but my real love is small towns like Monterey, or like Millbrook, with its elegant shops and houses, so meticulously maintained!"

— David P. McAllester



PERSONAL NOTES

A baby boom! Our congratulations to **Anson and Emily Hyatt Olds**, whose son **Anson Jonathan** was born July 26; to **Robert and Karen Steiger Sawers**, whose daughter **Rachel Susan** was born July 27; and to **Matthew and Loren Hapwell Kinnaman**, whose daughter **Kaelin Sierra** was born July 30. All three babies were born at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington.

Best wishes to **Lisa Vorck** and **Michael De Ruzzio**, who were married on June 26 at Our Lady of the Valley in Sheffield. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, they will make their home in North Andover, where Lisa is a teacher and Michael a civil engineer with Vanasse & Associates. Lisa is the daughter of Fred and Margaret Vorck of Main Road.

Hats off to **James S. Connery** (Jim), who has recently been named to serve on the Board of Directors for the Lee Visiting Nurse Association. Before retiring to Monterey with his wife Betty, Jim was employed as the Controller and business manager for the United Methodist Retirement Homes and its affiliate, the United Methodist Retirement Homes of Connecticut, both located in Shelton, Connecticut.

Bon Voyage to **Erin Piretti**! Erin left for the village of Nerac in France on August 18. A student at Mount Everett Regional in Sheffield, Erin is taking advantage of a study abroad program

through the Rotary Club, and will spend her Junior year living and studying there. To help fill the empty nest, her parents Candice and John, and sister Brittany will be hosting Claudia, a fifteen year old student from Guadalajara, Mexico.

Hearty congratulations to **Shaen O'Connor**, who received the "Goalie of the Week" award at the completion of the soccer camp he attended at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Good for you, Shaen—keep up the good work!

Very happy birthday wishes this month to **Dinah Mielke** on September 2, to **Candice Piretti** and **Gabriele Haapanen** on September 3, to **Katie Vallianos** on September 4, to **Arianna Aerie** on September 6, to **Kathleen Tillet** on September 10, to **Erin Piretti** and **Michael Sawers** on September 12, to **Jeff Gauthier** on September 13, to **Christina Vallianos** on September 23, to **Ellen Coburn** on September 24, to **Janie Ziegler** on September 25, to myself on September 26, to **Marcus Sheridan** on September 27, to **Jan Aerie** on September 28, and to **Scott Sheridan** on September 29.

Happy anniversary wishes to **Jeff and Hannah Moran** on August 29, to **Arthur and Alice Somers** on September 12, and to **Bob and Barbara Gauthier** on September 27.

Thanks, your contributions are appreciated! Continue by simply giving me a call, 528-4519, or jot down your items and mail them to me. Photos will be used when possible, and returned to you.

— Stephanie Grotz

JOSEPH MACDARBY

Joseph MacDarby of Main Road died on August 19 at the age of 78 in the home of his daughter, Sandra M. Preston of Sheffield.

He was born in Tyringham on July 9, 1915, the son of James and Louisa Cole MacDarby. He moved to Lee with his family as a child and graduated from St. Mary's School and Lee High School, where he was a member of the football team.

Mr. MacDarby was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Military Police Auxiliary and the Navy in the European, African, and Middle Eastern theaters. He received the Asiatic Pacific Medal, and was discharged in December, 1945.

Before his retirement in the mid-1970s, he worked as a superintendent of heavy construction for the state of New York in Albany on the Empire Plaza, on bridges, and on the Massachusetts Turnpike. He was previously associated with Western Mass. Engineering and Construction locally, and with Fehihaber Corp., Horn Construction, and Brockwehl, Longe, McManus Associates in Albany.

Mr. MacDarby and his wife, the former Mary Koenig would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on October 19 this year.

Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves a son, James D. MacDarby of Easthampton, a brother, John MacDarby of Lee, and a granddaughter.

A private graveside ceremony led by the Rev. Walter Ryan of Lee was held on August 20 at Otis Cemetery.



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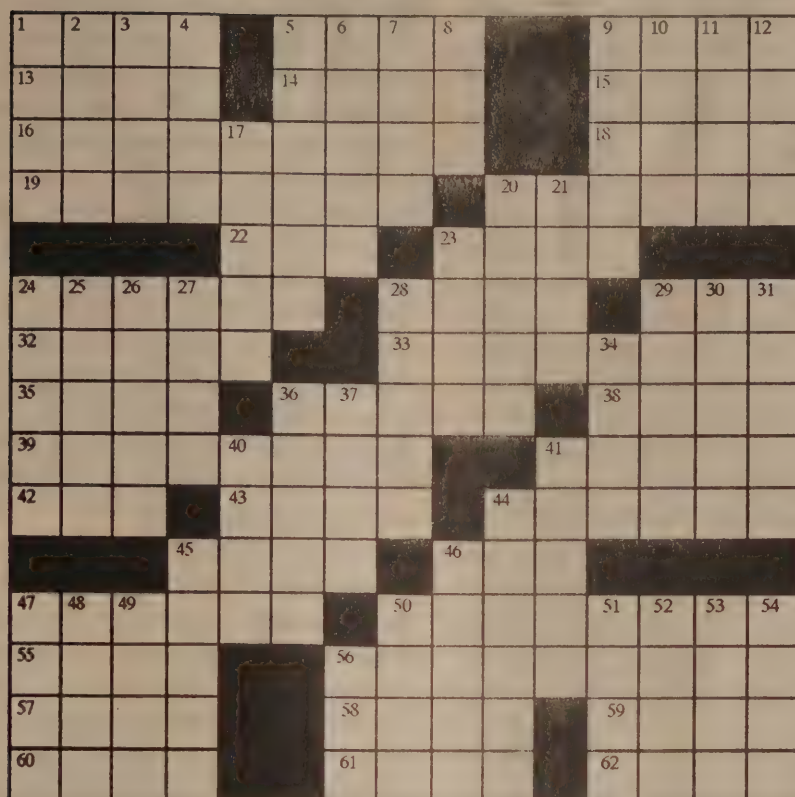
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Beginning of the End

Smart builders don't plan outdoor work in the winter. It can be done, but only at a cost which is always uncertain. The cold may foster a useful, macho, can-do attitude at the same time as it makes good hands into awkward, halfspeed tools, for a net loss. Heating temporary enclosures is an obvious cost. There's also the go/no-go cost, energy and time given to multiple schedule options, weather reports, and frequent glances at the sky and thermometer. Nonetheless, every builder's done it, often for good reasons despite the likely costs.

I once planned the installation of a kitchen bay window to coincide with the wife's vacation. It was her husband's surprise; she left for the Caribbean, and we cut a big hole in the kitchen wall—outside in. As it happened, we did the job under blue, blue February skies with a strong sun that warmed the air to shirtsleeve temperatures. There was the drip and gurgle of snowmelt, and I felt as warm and lucky as anyone in the islands. You get days like that in February, all promise, strong light and hope.

August is opposite February on the year's wheel, and the month always has a stock-still moment when I realize, That's it. Gone. End of summer. Next minute, the darkest day in cold December. There are many signs. Leaves suddenly seem less plump, their green color not quite so dense, their distant aspect more dusty than wet. The blanket of green starts

looking threadbare. Trees are done for the year, quits. A chilly night passes. The leaves of a maple here and there turn completely orange before August has even settled in as the current month. These trees will be leafless by mid September. Acorns start to rap down, and hickory nuts go off like shots when they hit the roof.

It's a moment I don't enjoy. If hope belongs to February, then August is, the month of dread. I have no patience in moments of dread for philosophical crap about the beauty of Nature's cycles, the Rise and Fall of Everything. My brain freezes: the seductive warmth of summer has been squandered, used up in the hammock, and the real merits of lassitude cancelled; a VOID stamp thumps down on postcards from the beach. Dread looks ahead to the cold and dark, then turns to look over its shoulder, full of regret fostered by a vain belief that somehow by thrift or industry warmth and daylight might have been hoarded to draw on come winter. These are dreadful thoughts, mirror image of hopeful thoughts in the way they push like brakes against the turning wheel. But there's no escape.

People like to influence events, manipulate conditions; we often think we succeed, but the evidence mostly shows that big wheels are very firm in their turning, and the seasons are a wheel of enormous moment. The little moments of dread (or hope) we attach to seasons are like barnacles to an oil tanker. The seasons don't care. In fact, to be precise, dread and hope do not belong to any season, but to *us*. The wheel has no top or bottom, just perpetual turning; we remember, compare, anticipate. It is as characteristic of us as indifferent steadiness is of the other. If we stacked parts of the universe in a certain order, inanimate

things might be at one end, forming the conditions of existence for animals, in the middle, who respond actively to present conditions (birds flying south), while we sit at the other end thinking it all over, oscillating between dread and hope while conditions around us change ever so slowly. (Many hot, hot days will follow this particular moment in August.) Oh yes, people. They're the ones who fear, or is it that they hope? That's us.


It could be worse. Various disciplines would like us to work a little harder to accept the implacable nature of creation and our conditional place with equanimity, and this is certainly useful. But since we're *the* dreadful ones, we might as well bite down on it once in a while, and get the taste.

Gladiolus is my flower of choice for the late summer moment. Especially dark red, for blood, passion, the human condition. The name means "small sword," no weapon beaten into a plowshare, but rooted, a leaf like a weapon rising from the dirt, a spear of bloom bold as lipstick. I half expect the sprouting flower to kick up a little dust, bring to the ear faint shouts from the ancient arenas. A showy flower used at funerals.

I drive past my favorite sword plantation, and when the dirt road leaves the gardens under open sky and tunnels the woods again, the darkness stirs thoughts of the coming season. I pass a man out walking. His stride is hard and fast, looks big enough to rip his pants. Arms ratchet back and forth; the head is locked on straight. In the side mirror of my pickup his inward halfsmile appears and recedes as I roll by. The steady rise and fall of his head on top of that stride traces a long, regular wave of low amplitude, his hum. Small rhythm on the large, he hangs me lightly between hope and fear, rare in this season.

— Peter Murkett





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

July 25, 1993

To the Editor:

Hats off to the Monterey Fire department for providing another outstanding steak roast, the best in the East by far!

One can only marvel at the efficiency of the volunteers, especially those who stand over those hot coals in order to provide the fabulous steak that is cooked to one's desire. Added to the salad, corn, potato, cake, and beverage...the music, dancing, horseshoes, socializing and camaraderie. It's a great meal and a wonderful time for children and adults of all ages.

Our family looks forward to this event each year and enjoys it immensely! So, many thanks to Chief Ray Tryon and all the volunteer firemen and ladies who make this annual event possible.

— Paul J. Carnese and Family

August 13, 1993

To the Editor:

Hieverybody! Marge and Gerry checking in from Cape Cod. Getting here was hectic. Chassie, our cat-turned-mountain-lion howled for five hours! But everything is serene again, and we are finally settled in our new life style.

The condo is lovely—bright, cheery, and well-equipped. Our quarters are smaller but the ocean and dunes are bigger! A friend from Orleans greeted us with, "You guys sure took along vacation—welcome home!"

Our so-called vacation, or our life in Monterey, was meant to be. We made some wonderful friendships with so many special people and we are very grateful for that.

However, it's great to be back, and life has peacefully fallen into a busy schedule. Every day there are familiar happenings: walks along the ocean edge (can't believe how much we are walking), collapsing on a dune and just being, seeing old friends, chowder suppers, band concerts, church fairs, art exhibits. But we're looking forward to fall, with its blissful silence.

Some evenings we find ourselves at some harbor watching the sun set on another day and thanking God for His guidance. Peace

— Marge and Gerry McMahon

To the Editor:

Every month I look forward to receiving the *Monterey News*—from page number one to the last one.

It may interest you to know that I saw the name of my brother's boyhood friend of over sixty years ago. I communicated with him and was able to visit him and his wife on one of my occasional visits to Monterey.

— Elizabeth S. Lippert

August 15, 1993

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors who contributed to our bike ride for the Jimmy Fund. My brother Del Tryon, his son Chris Tryon, and my other nephew Nathan Hoogs joined me for this year's ride.

We started out August 7 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, and rode 108 miles to Buzzard's Bay, where we spent Saturday night at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Sunday we rode to Provincetown, a distance of 88 miles, and took a ferry back to Boston. We had wonderful weather and were joined by 1,450 other riders. Together we raised about two million dollars. Del, Chris, Nathan and I brought in over \$4,000 of this. The money will go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston for cancer research and treatment.

Again, we thank you and invite you to join us for next year's ride. It's lots of fun, for a great cause.

— Roger Tryon

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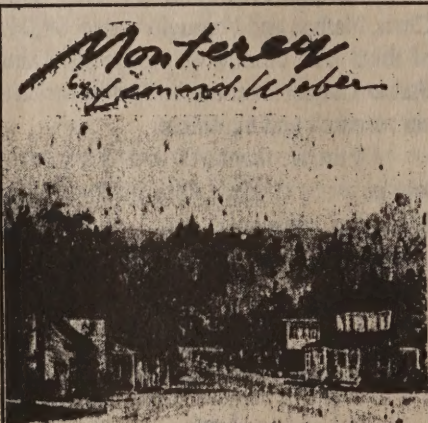
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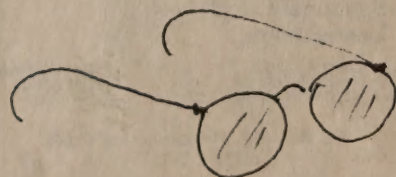
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Saturday, September 4

Second Annual Plant Swap on the Monterey Library lawn, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 528-3968.

Walk/drive tour of Monterey's 18th century religious sites, sponsored by and starting at The Bidwell House, 2-4 p.m. Reservations required. Rain date, Sunday, September 5, same time. Call 528-6888.

Tuesday, September 7 Prayer breakfast at the home of Arthur and Alice Somers, 7 a.m. Video, "Religion and Environment." All welcome.

Thursday, September 9 International Folk Dancing led by Karl Finger at the Lenox Community Center, 85 Walker Street, Lenox, Mass., 8 p.m. Full instruction, no partners or prior experience necessary. All levels, all ages. Contribution \$6. Information, 528-2963.

Saturday, September 11 Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass., 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by guest caller Susan Kevra, music by Don MacLean and Bill Matthiesen. Refreshments served. Adults \$5, children \$2. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Wednesday, September 8 Community Dinner, Monterey United Church of Christ Social Room, 6:30 p.m. Program on literacy volunteers in the Berkshires. Information, 528-1564.

Thursday, September 16 International Folk Dancing led by Karl Finger at the Lenox Community Center, 85 Walker Street, Lenox, Mass., 8 p.m. Full instruction, no partners or prior experience necessary. All levels, all ages. Contribution \$6. Information, 528-2963.

Saturday, September 18 "Source to Sound" cleanup of the Housatonic River, coordinated volunteer effort of many environmental groups. Call the Housatonic Valley Association at 1-800-TEAM HVA for information.

Tuesday, September 21 Free blood pressure clinic, downstairs at the town hall, 9-10:30 a.m.



Thursday, September 23 International Folk Dancing led by Karl Finger at the Lenox Community Center, 85 Walker Street, Lenox, Mass., 8 p.m. Full instruction, no partners or prior experience necessary. All levels, all ages. Contribution \$6. Information, 528-2963.

Friday, September 24 Democratic By-law Committee hearing at the Monterey Firehouse, 7 p.m. Information, 528-3698.

Saturday, September 25 Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass., 8:30-11:30 p.m. For dancers with some square or contradance experience. All dances taught by guest caller Christine Hale, music by Don MacLean and Bill Matthiesen. Refreshments served. Adults \$5. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Thursday, September 30 International Folk Dancing led by Karl Finger at the Lenox Community Center, 85 Walker Street, Lenox, Mass., 8 p.m. Full instruction, no partners or prior experience necessary. All levels, all ages. Contribution \$6. Information, 528-2963.

Friday, October 1 "Tyringham's Shaker Village," lecture cosponsored by The Bidwell House and the Tyringham Historical Commission, Tyringham Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 528-6888.

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